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TO : Chief, I.C.A.P.S.

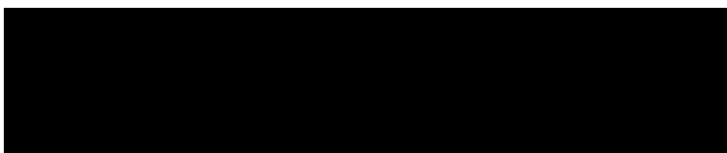
DATE: 23 January 1948

FROM : Chief, Reference Center, A & M

SUBJECT: Biographic Information on Foreign Scientific Personalities

1. Current working arrangements between the several I.A.C. agencies provide for the following division of primary responsibility in the handling of biographic information on foreign personalities:

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2. These arrangements have proved advantageous to all concerned. Much duplication of effort has been avoided, and it is believed that the current flow of information on personalities of these categories is being satisfactorily handled.

3. It seems desirable that the principle should now be carried a step further, in order to cut down the overlap in responsibility which still embraces all categories of personalities save those mentioned in paragraph (1) above.

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4. ~~It was found that the work was done, but it took longer than it should have because it required personnel of this office to do much of their work in the offices of other agencies. In the course of their work they discovered, as might have been anticipated, that there is extensive duplication of effort and file-keeping. Jackets and dossiers concerning the same individual scientists often were found in several different offices.~~

5. It is proposed ^{that} the Biographical Intelligence Register, Reference Center, A & M, C.I.A., henceforth be assigned primary responsibility for the maintenance of biographic data on foreign scientific personalities. Contemplated procedure, on the working level, would require:

a. The analysts of each agency would henceforth be absolved of responsibility for biographic data on foreign scientific personalities received by them from other agencies. (O.N.I. analysts would cease analyzing such data when received by them on War Department or State Department forms.)

b. The analysts of each agency would continue, as they are now doing, to abstract biographic data on foreign scientific personalities when received by them from their own agency's

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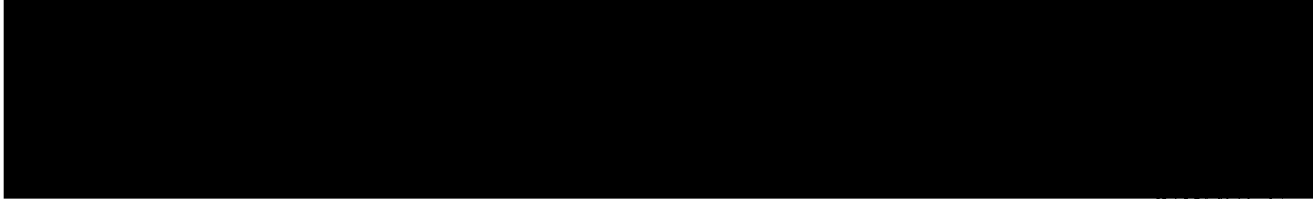
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c. Copies of all abstracts would be transmitted to the Biographical Intelligence Register, Reference Center, C.I.A.

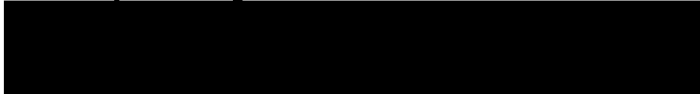
d. The Register would codify and index, by machine methods, all such data received; and would incorporate the actual abstracts in its files.



6. It is requested that the foregoing proposal be placed before the Standing Committee of the I.A.C. for consideration and comment. If approved, it is believed that appropriate instructions should be issued within each agency to the analyst personnel concerned. *End*

7. Acceptance and implementation of this proposal will not altogether eliminate overlaps and duplication of effort in the field of biographic intelligence. Economists and industrialists immediately spring to mind as categories of personalities still being analyzed, to greater or less degree, by all agencies. In the not too distant future we may be able to work out a system for dealing with them but, for the moment, it is believed we will do well to concentrate our attention on the scientific personalities and get them cleared up and systematized.

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Chief, Reference Center

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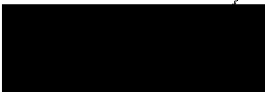
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REMARKS: *Re P 6: What will be the test procedure? Will the Standing Committee be able by themselves to put such procedures into effect or must it go to IAC members themselves? M*

#1. If full concurrence reached by standing committee proposal for amendment to IAC with voting slip HCS

#2. Should go to IAC members (in duplicate) recommending reference to standing committee (if when) for study and recommendation to IAC - for decision

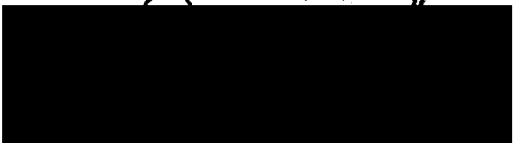
Suggest that whole
coordinated biographical
effort (including that
already in practice
& that proposed) be
covered in a DCI Dir
which will be drafted by
LCAPS and circulated
with explanatory memo
to member agencies
prior to calling a
meeting of Standing Com.



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I feel that proposals go
through proper channels. Standing
Committee for preparation
of appropriate DCI Directive
which will, of course, be
cleared by IAC members.
In the Standing Committee
discussion on this subject
consideration should be
given to the bringing
up-to-date of old C.I.G.
directives on this subject.



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